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We filed a continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) on November 19, 2001, of pending prior application Serial No. 09/584,661. On November 20, 2001, we received a letter from a Mr. Patrick R. Donahoe of the U.S. Post Office, informing us that our mail was returned due to the temporary suspension of express mail service to Washington, D.C. Zip Codes 202 through 205.

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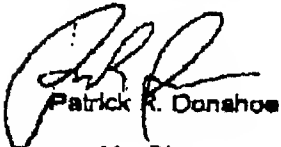
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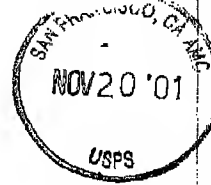
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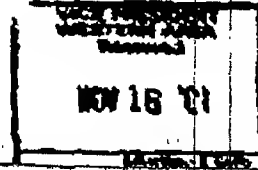
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